and normalcy in the State of Jammu & Kashmir and strengthen its overall development. Necessary refinements in the above strategy continue to be made as per requirements from time to time.

National Conference for Indian Women in Police

2577. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand for 33 per cent reservation for women in police in the recently held National Conference for Indian Women in Police in Delhi;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what are the other major issues discussed in the Conference and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Some of the issues raised in the National Conference for Women in Police held in New Delhi from 19—21 February, 2002 are as under:—

(i) Thirty three percent representation/recruitment of women in police service;

(ii) Setting up of a forum for Women in Police at the Centre and State levels;

(iii) Equality of opportunity in recruitment and job roles;

(iv) Training and Development opportunities;

(v) Basic minimum facilities for women in police and welfare measures.

Police being a State subject, reservations for women in police recruitment has to be determined by the concerned States in the accordance with their respective laws and rules.

The Ministry of Home Affairs have been advising the States to encourage more representation of women in Police through various methods including opening of Police Stations to be exclusively managed by women.

Assistance is being provided under the Scheme for modernisation

of State Police Forces for creation of basic minimum facilities for police women in police stations and units.

Solving Bodo problem

2578. SHRI DRUPAD BOROGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has got any proposal from Assam Government to solve the Bodo problem;

(b) whether this proposal is to form Bodo Territorial Council (BTC) Area on the basis of Bodo Autonomous Council (BAC) Areas; and

(c) if BTC is formed, what necessary steps are proposed to be taken to safeguard the political, socio-economic, cultural, educational, land and language interests of Non-Bodos in the BTC Areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government is committed to protect the democratic rights and the socio-economic interests of all sections of the society.

Facilities to personnels of retired para military forces

2579. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the facilities available to retired armed personnel to the retired personnel of para military forces;

(b) whether Government are in receipt of any such representation to that effect; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government have received representations from CPMF personnel for granting ex-servicemen status and other related facilities like CSD Canteen etc. to CPMF personnel. This has been examined